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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF RICHMOND,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1877.

GARDINER:
H. K. MORRELL & SON PRINTERS. JOURNAL OFFICE.
1877.

Paid Dist. No.	7, Rob't D. Alexander, "	\$89 45
"	8, James H. Smith, "	62 01
"	8, John Brown, "	77 20
"	8, Geo. W. Reed, "	61 35
"	9, John Watson Libby, "	79 47
"	10, James Litch, "	64 91
"	11, John H. Booker, "	68 03
"	11, Geo. E. Peacock, "	68 27
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			\$2,077 29

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Dist. No.	1. C. S. Cotton, Surveyor.....	\$120 16
"	1, A. G. Collins, "	41 70
"	3, B. V. Stinson, "	23 82
"	4, B. R. Flanders, "	2 60
"	6, G. W. Merrill, "	9 40
"	7, R. D. Alexander, "	7 65
"	9, J. W. Libby, "	15 33
"	10, James Litch, "	11 22
"	11, J. A. Booker, "	3 80
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		\$235 68

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Paid for Repair of Highways.....		\$2,077 29
" Breaking Roads.....		235 68
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		\$2,312 97
Appropriated by the Town.....	\$2000 00	
Balance from last year.....	98 32	
Deficiency	214 65	
	<hr/>	\$2,312 97

TOWN FARM.

To Stock on Farm Feb. 21, 1876, valued at.....	\$622 00
Hay, Grain and Provisions.....	449 22
Farming Tools.....	261 00
Furniture.....	215 25
Wood and Coal.....	80 00
Shingles.....	65 00
One Yoke of Oxen, purchased by Mr. Keyes....	160 00
Horse Rake, " ".....	30 00
Supplies " ".....	420 60
Insurance on Farm Buildings.....	20 00
Interest on \$2,500 in Farm, for one year.....	150 00
Prescott Keyes and wife for one year's services...	350 00
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	\$2,823 07

Brought up	\$2,823 07
By Stock on Farm Feb. 20, 1877, valued at	\$555 00
Hay, Grain and Provisions, "	350 72
Farming Tools, "	233 16
Furniture, "	215 18
Wood, "	118 50
Shingles, 25 M, "	56 25
Lumber, "	8 00
Stock sold, "	156 50
Produce sold, "	341 31
Labor of Town Team in Dist. No. 3..	147 15
Cost of supporting Poor on Farm....	641 30
	<hr/> \$2,823 07

POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid for Mrs. Hittie Harmon.....	\$30 00
Mrs. John Chase.....	14 62
Sally Alexander.....	37 25
Maria Donohue and children.....	7 00
Travelling Expenses.....	3 00
Tramps, 180 in number	88 17
Mrs. Rosalin Quinn, town of Pownal.....	8 00
Mrs. W. H. Colby & children, town of Madrid,	40 75
	<hr/> \$228 79

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Levi Johnson's family, of Bowdoinham.....	\$2 60
Charles E. Coombs and family, of Lewiston.....	5 70
Harrison Inman and family, of Newport.....	3 00
	<hr/> \$11 30

POOR ACCOUNT.

To paid Prescott Keys on Town Orders.....	\$364 91
Insurance of Farm Buildings.....	20 00
Poor off the Farm	228 79
Poor of other Towns	11 30
	<hr/> \$625 00
By appropriation from the Town	\$500 00
Cash of Town of Bowdoinham	2 60
Sale of Sally Alexander's goods	40 25
Cash paid back	7 35
Deficiency, carried to Sundries.....	74 80
	<hr/> \$625 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To paid Tempest Engine Co., No. 1.....	\$100 00
Crooker & Lilly, repairs	30 00
C. A. Robbins & Sons.....	26 00
E. T. Jordan & Co.....	5 00
D, Randall, building platform for reservoir	4 50
Boston Belting Co., suction hose.....	65 00
Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	25 00
Freight on hose.....	30
Wood for engine house	4 81
H. M. Gardiner, bill	9 65
W. H. Winslow, bill	3 87
E. G. Pert, bill.....	3 40
Jas. Haynes & Son, stove.....	14 28
E. D. Lamson, alcohol.....	8 60
Care of Engines	20 00
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	\$320 41
By Appropriation of the Town	\$100 00
Amount received for watering ship	20 00
Deficiency, carried to Sundries.....	200 41
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	\$320 41

TO THE SELECTMEN OF RICHMOND:—

The undersigned, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, in submitting his report for the year ending to-day, desires to congratulate the citizens of Richmond upon their escape with so small a loss by fire during the year. Prompt and efficient action in the early stages have several times during the year prevented destructive conflagrations, as will be seen by the following statement in detail:

April 20th. The house of T. J. Southard & Son in their ship-yard, and but a short distance from their new ship, surrounded by materials for the ship, was discovered to be on fire. Alarm was given, and a crew of men from the yard, under Third Engineer E. H. Tomlinson extinguished the flames before the arrival of the engine.

May 30th. House of E. D. Lamson, Water St. Alarm was given, but the fire was extinguished by the tenants without the aid of the department.

June 10th. Congregational Church. Fire on the roof and steeple. Extinguished by men at work there, with aid. J. C. Flagg, Second Engineer.

June 21st. Farrin barn at South End. Extinguished under J. C. Flagg, Second Engineer. Engine was promptly on the ground, but not required.

In all the above cases the loss in each instance was but trifling.

Dec. 29th. House of Sarah J. Lake, on Beech street. In this case the fire was under great headway before discovered. The streets were almost blockaded with deep snow, but by almost

superhuman efforts of Capt. Gardiner and his men, the engine was dragged to the spot, and rendered valuable service. By the judicious action of Second Engineer Flagg, who was in charge of the department in my absence, the barn standing but ten feet distant was saved, and the adjacent buildings unharmed. Mrs. Lake's loss was estimated at \$1,000, upon which she had an insurance of \$500.

The department consists of fifty men, full number allowed by the Town.

The Tempest Engine is in perfect repair, as valuable to the town as the day she was built. The Citizen is in perfect repair, although a coat of paint would not injure her. We have eight lengths of suction hose, but four of them are entirely useless, having been in use twenty-four years. We have seven hundred feet of splendid fire hose. We have three ladders for fire duty. Our old fire-hook is entirely useless.

I desire particularly to call your attention to our wants to complete our organization : 1 good fire-hook ; 4 lengths suction hose ; and will urge the importance of having one of our machines mounted upon runners. We have seen during this winter all the bad effects of deep snow. It is almost an impossibility to drag the machine even a short distance on wheels. The expense would not be great, and every chance in our favor in case of fire of being prompt upon the spot, thereby preventing disastrous fires. Also to the lack of water at the north and south ends, and would recommend that reservoirs be built in those localities.

DANIEL CLARKE, Chief Engineer.

Richmond, Feb. 20, 1877.

RECEIVING TOMB.

By amount unexpended from last year	\$47 95
To paid S. S. William's bill	75
L. K. Purrington	4 88
John Harley	7 95
A. G. Collins	5 85
W. H. Winslow	2 25
C. S. Cotton	3 25
Balance unexpended.....	23 02
	<hr/> \$47 95

LIQUOR AGENCY.

By Cash paid into Town Treasury.....	\$172 20
Liquor Barrels sold.....	19 80
	<hr/> \$192 00
To Liquors on hand Feb. 21st, 1876, valued..	\$173 39
Paid Albert Blanchard, Agent	12 50
Profit to Town on liquors sold.....	6 11
	<hr/> \$192 00

TOWN ORDERS.

Paid Town Order No. 45, Aug. 24, 1863.....	\$832 00
“ “ 35, April 4, 1870.....	600 00
“ “ 97, Aug. 6, 1870.....	2,158 10
“ “ 4, March 1, 1875.....	50 00
“ “ 5, “ “	1,600 00
“ “ 22, “ 4, “	1,500 00
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	\$6,740 10
Borrowed April 4, 1876, on Order No. 52, \$500 00	
“ Sep. 1, “ “ 112, 1,600 00	
“ “ “ “ 116, 2,167 00	
“ Jan. 10, 1877, “ 177, 1,500 00	
Decrease in Town Orders	973 10
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	\$6,740 10

INTEREST AND DISCOUNT.

To paid Coupons on Town Bonds	\$1,197 00
Interest on Town Orders and Notes	1,815 40
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	\$3,012 40
By Appropriation of the Town	\$2,500 00
Deficiency, carried to Sundries.....	512 40
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	\$3,012 40

SUNDRIES.

Paid Printing Town Reports for 1875.....	\$45 00
Wm. H. Smith, Pound Rent, 1875.....	4 00
J. W. Spaulding, Auditor, 1875.....	5 00
John C. Curtis, Watering Trough, 1875.....	3 00
J. L. Robinson, Land Damage.....	75 00
S. S. Williams, “ Parks Road.....	35 00
A. F. Parks, “	55 00
James Parks, “	10 00
Dingley Brothers, Damage on road.....	50 00
John C. Curtis, Watering Trough, 1876.....	3 00
Alpheus Small, “ 1876.....	3 00
Wm. H. Smith, Pound Rent, 1876.....	4 00
E. F. Pillsbury, Legal Advice.....	2 00
J. M. Hayes, Printing Law Reports, Brown case,	68 00
J. W. Spaulding, Law Services.....	169 43
F. Houdlette, Court Expenses, Apr. & Dec. terms,	11 70
Alpheus Small, Services as Constable.....	2 00
J. W. Spaulding, Making Pension Papers.....	13 39
W. H. Smith, Bill for Running Roads.....	3 50
J. T. Robinson, Stationery.....	17 87
Wood for Selectmen's office.....	4 84
A. Bates, Wood for Lockup.....	3 50

Paid J. F. & D. C. Ames, Bill on Lockup.....	1 50
Stove and Glass for Town Hall	15 41
F. H. Lovell, Care of Town Clock.....	20 00
Rent of office for Selectmen	15 00
Samuel Odiorne, Horse-hire for Selectmen.....	15 00
Abial Libby, Horse-hire for S. S. Committee....	15 00
D. S. Richards, " " " "	25 00
Insane Hospital, for Fred Kerrins.....	138 25
" " Olive Ridley.....	139 20
" " Ellen O. Neal	138 83
For two non-resident Tax Deeds.....	1 00
Abatement to Wm. Nelson and H. M. Gardiner,	6 00
" J. F. Meserve, Col., on taxes 1873,	4 78
" A. P. Jewett, " " 1875,	68 55
" R. H. White, " "	165 31
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	\$1,357 03
Amount paid Town Officers as per account.....	806 90
Deficiency brought from Poor account.....	74 80
" " Fire Department acc't..	200 41
" " Interest account.....	512 40
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	\$2,951 54
Appropriated by the Town	\$1,200 00
Overlayings	758 29
Supplemental Tax.....	310 45
Liquors, valued at.....	173 39
Profits on Liquors sold	6 11
Brought from Report of 1876.....	917 04
Receipts not credited elsewhere.....	54 26
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	\$3,419 54
Balance in excess.....	468 00
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	\$3,419 54

TAXES OF 1876. R. H. WHITE, Collector.

Whole amount committed to Collector	\$16,535 94
Paid State Treasurer	\$4,663 15
County "	1,837 05
Town "	5,352 32
Balance uncollected Feb. 20, 1877....	4,683 42
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	\$16,535 94

TAXES OF 1875. A. P. JEWETT, Collector.

Taxes uncollected Feb. 21, 1876.....	\$4,813 88
Paid into Town Treasury	4,294 47
Balance uncollected Feb. 20, 1877.....	519 41
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	\$4,813 88

TAXES OF 1872. SAM'L BROWN, Collector.

Ex'on vs. Samuel Brown, Debt	\$2,539 20	
" " " Costs.....	101 69	
	<hr/>	\$2,640 89
Uncollected Taxes		238 12
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		\$2,879 01
Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$4 20	
Balance due Town	2,874 81	
	<hr/>	\$2,879 01

TOWN BONDS OUTSTANDING.

Issue due March 1st, 1877.....	\$10,500 00
Issue due March 1st, 1880.....	10,050 00
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	\$20,550 00

BILLS DUE AND UNPAID FEB. 70, 1877.

Dist. No. 1, snow bills, \$40 86	Brought up	\$697 10
" 1, " 48 64	Dist. No. 8, snow bills,	60 70
" 2, " 44 73	" 8, " 56 31	
" 3, " 43 08	" 9, " 54 52	
" 3, " 94 15	" 10, " 75 73	
" 4, " 103 20	" 11, " 40 98	
" 5, " 48 50	" 11, " 66 83	
" 5, " 20 50	" 11, repairs..	16 00
" 6, " 51 30	" 10, " 9 27	
" 6, " 83 10	Repairs on Town Hall	1 00
" 7, " 68 83	Care of Engine.....	12 00
" 8, " 50 21	Poor acct., W. Fisher	41 00
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Carried up.....	\$697 10	\$1,131 44

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds outstanding February 20, 1877.....	\$20,550 00
Town Order No. 19, 1871, March 4.....	1,000 00
" " 20, " ".....	1,000 00
" " 22, " April 7.....	1,000 00
" " 34, 1872, June 29.....	400 00
" " 18, 1873, March 1.....	500 00
Note of 1873, May 12.....	400 00
Town order No. 95, 1873, July 1.....	540 00
" " 114, " July 19.....	800 00
" " 240, " December 8.....	1,500 00
" " 241, " December 8.....	300 00
" " 57, 1874, May 20.....	1,500 00
" " 105, " September 1.....	1,500 00
" " 121, " October 1.....	600 00

Town order No. 171, 1874, December 8.....	498 20
“ “ 183, “ December 8.....	400 00
“ “ 6, 1875, March 1.....	300 00
“ “ 7, “	200 00
“ “ 9, “	400 00
“ “ 10, “	400 00
“ “ 12, “	900 00
“ “ 13, “	500 00
“ “ 15, “	800 00
“ “ 16, “	100 00
“ “ 17, “	900 00
“ “ 18, “	100 00
“ “ 19, “	250 00
“ “ 20, “	500 00
“ “ 21, “	600 00
“ “ 23, “	500 00
“ “ 29, “	100 00
“ “ 31, “	1,600 00
“ “ 34, “	350 00
“ “ 35, “	300 00
“ “ 45, “	600 00
“ “ 302, February 21, 1876.....	400 00
“ “ 52, April 4, 1876	500 00
“ “ 112, September 1, 1876.....	1,600 00
“ “ 116, September 1, 1876.....	2,167 00
“ “ 177, January 10, 1877.....	1,500 00
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	\$48,055 20
Coupons and Int. due on the above Feb. 20, 1877..	1,392 80
Due School Districts Feb. 20, 1877.....	668 75
Due R. H. White, Collecting Taxes for 1876.....	181 89
Bills due and unpaid Feb. 20, 1877.....	1,131 44
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	\$51,430 08

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 20, 1877.....	\$1,791 43
Due on Execution vs. Samuel Brown.....	2,640 89
Due from Samuel Brown, uncollected taxes 1872...	233 92
“ A. P. Jewett, “ 1875...	519 31
Amount of Interest due on taxes of 1875.....	134 82
Due from R. H. White, uncollected taxes of 1876..	4,683 42
Due from Geo. H. Farrin, Use of Engine.....	20 00
Due from other towns for Poor.....	8 70
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	\$10,032 49
Liabilities over Resources, Feb. 20, 1877.....	41,397 59
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	\$51,430 08

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm and Outfits, valued at.....	\$4,000 00
Two Fire Engines, "	1,600 00
Two Fire-proof Safes, "	200 00
Hearse, "	100 00
Engine House, "	500 00
Interest in Town House. "	800 00
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	\$7,200 00

Liabilities Feb. 20, 1869	\$62,538 95
" " 1870	51,015 55
" " 1871	49,628 51
" " 1872	48,768 29
" " 1873	47,426 06
" " 1874	44,748 88
" " 1875	43,003 78
" " 1876	39,884 64
" " 1877	41,397 59

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations	\$16,535 94
Receipts.....	16,683 73
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	\$33,219 67
Paid State and County Tax as per acct. \$6,500 20	
Town Officers	806 90
Schools.....	5,032 38
Repair of Highways.....	2,077 29
Breaking Roads	235 68
Cash, Poor Account.....	625 00
Fire Department.....	320 41
Receiving Tomb	24 93
Liquor Agent	12 50
Town Orders.....	6,740 10
Interest and Discount	3,012 40
Sundries.....	1,357 03
Uncollected taxes of 1876.....	4,683 42
Balance in Treasury Feb. 20, 1877	1,791 43
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	\$33,219 67

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen of Richmond for the municipal year ending Feb. 20, 1877, and found the same properly kept and vouched, and correctly cast, and the foregoing, as far as it appertains, is a true exhibit of the same. The foregoing also includes statistics, tables and accounts not appearing on the books of the Selectmen proper, but have been compiled by them and inserted herewith for the information of the Town.

C. B. FOSTER, Auditor.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

CARLTON HOUDLETTE, Treas., in acct. with Town of Richmond.

	Dr.	
Balance cash on hand per last report.....	\$4,470 98	
“ Samuel Brown note.....	2,341 04	
	<hr/>	\$6,812 02
Cash of A. P. Jewett, Collector of 1875 taxes.....		969 08
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	Cr.	\$7,781 10
By paid Coupons from Town Bonds	\$444 00	
for two non-resident tax deeds....	1 00	
Interest, town order Aug. 24, '63,	52 83	
Town orders from February 20 to		
March 19	1,651 52	
Del'd to J. W. Spaulding, my successor..	3,290 71	
“ “ “ Saml Brown note	2,311 04	
	<hr/>	\$7,781 10

J. W. SPAULDING, Treasurer, in acc't with Town of Richmond.

1876. Mar. 14.	Dr.	
To rec'd from C. Houdlette, Cash.....	\$3,290 71	
“ “ S. Brown Note.....	2,341 04	
“ A. P. Jewett, Taxes of 1875	3,315 04	
“ R. A. White, “ 1876.....	5,352 32	
“ Samuel Brown, “ 1872.....	4 20	
“ J. Lawrence, “ 1875,.....	10 35	
“ O. W. Bartlett, Decker Taxes, 1874..	21 07	
“ Liquor Agent.....	172 20	
“ Sales old Liquor Barrels	19 80	
“ C. H. Hodges, Liquor Jugs forfeited..	50	
“ Licenses for Shows.....	18 00	
“ Use of Town Hall.....	12 00	
“ Watering ship.....	20 00	
“ Money expended for poor, refunded..	7 35	
“ Town of Bowdoinham, on poor acc't..	2 60	
“ Sally Alexander estate	40 25	
“ State, for Railroad Tax.....	22 69	
“ “ Free High School	410 00	
“ “ School Money.....	1,398 72	
“ Tuition in Schools.....	1 90	
“ Money borrowed on Town Orders	5,767 00	
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\$22,227 74

Brought forward	\$22,227 74
	Cr.
By paid Town Orders and Int. of 1870...	\$2,767 00
“ “ 1875.....	3,150 00
“ “ 1876.....	10,054 23
“ Abatement Orders.....	1,371 04
“ Coupons.....	753 00
Samuel Brown Note, charged off as entering into judgement	2,341 04
Bal., Cash in hands of Treas. Feb. 20, '77,	1,791 43
	————— \$22,227 74

J. W. SPAULDING, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Richmond for the municipal year ending Feb. 20, 1877, and find the same properly kept and vouched, and correctly cast, and the foregoing is a true exhibit of the same.

C. B. FOSTER, Auditor.

RICHMOND, Feb. 26, 1877.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

The Annual Report of your Superintending School Committee is now presented for your consideration.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—*SOLOX WHITE, Agent.*

High School.

Spring term—Free High School. A. Q. RANDALL, A. M., Richmond, Principal. Miss LIZZIE H. LIBBY, Assistant. Whole number of pupils, 48 ; average, 44. Term, 8 weeks.

Summer term—Free High School. Same teachers. Whole number of pupils, 34 ; average, 28. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—Free High School. Same teachers. Whole number of pupils, 56 ; average, 47. Term 10 weeks.

Winter Term—Same teachers. Whole number of pupils, 59 ; average, 49. Term 11 weeks.

This school has been under the charge and direction of its former instructor, Mr. A. Q. RANDALL, during the entire year. Miss LIZZIE H. LIBBY has also been retained as assistant. Mr. RANDALL's valuable services extend over a period of more than two years. During each term he has labored with a devotedness and zeal that claims the admiration of your committee, and of all the friends and patrons of your High School. As hitherto his efforts have been successful to a marked degree, and your committee feel assured that your High School was never in better condition than at the present time.

It is unnecessary to say of Miss LIBBY more than that she has fully sustained her former good reputation as an efficient and zealous teacher, and has contributed not a little to the present good reputation of your High School.

Grammar School.

Spring term—Miss EMELY E. CLARKE, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 55 ; average, 50. Term 8 weeks.

Summer term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 44; average, 38. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 67; average, 58. Term 10 weeks.

Winter term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 64; average, 52. Term 11 weeks.

Miss CLARKE has taught the Grammar School another year with marked success. As an earnest, faithful and skillful teacher she has well sustained her former excellent reputation. The school is large, and the average attendance somewhat more than last year. In all respects the school has been in a prosperous condition throughout the year.

Central Intermediate.

Spring term—Miss CARRIE J. CALL, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 42; average, 36. Term 10 weeks.

Summer term—Whole number of pupils, 26; average, 22. Term 8 weeks.

Fall term—Whole number of pupils, 44; average, 39; Term 10 weeks.

Winter term—Whole number, 35; average, 22. Term 11 weeks.

This school has remained under the charge of its justly esteemed teacher, Miss CARRIE J. CALL, Richmond, this being her tenth consecutive year. In no particular has she failed to sustain her former reputation as a conscientious, thorough and successful teacher. The general exercises of her school have been, as hitherto, of a very interesting and instructive character. The school is in a good condition in all respects.

North Intermediate.

Spring term—Miss CLARA E. SUCKLING, Bingham, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 41; average, 37. Term 8 weeks.

Summer term—Whole number, 43; average, 38. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—Whole number, 28; average, 22. Term 10 weeks.

Winter term—Whole number, 28; average, 23. Term 11 weeks.

This school has enjoyed another year of continued prosperity, under the management of its former teacher, Miss

CLARA E. SUCKLING. Her efforts have been unremitting and successful. The several examinations have been very satisfactory to your committee, and worthy the approbation of parents and friends.

South Intermediate.

Spring term—Miss ADA F. GOODWIN, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 50; average, 46. Term 7 weeks.

Summer term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 51; average, 45. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—Miss ALMERA ROGERS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number, 48; average, 37. Term 10 weeks.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number, 28; average, 22. Term 11 weeks.

The spring and summer terms of the South Intermediate were taught by Miss ADA F. GOODWIN, Litchfield, with the same ability and success of last year.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss ALMERA ROGERS, Richmond, this being her first work in this school. Miss ROGERS manifested a lively interest in the welfare of her school, and appeared to be thoroughly in earnest in the matter of advancing her pupils. But, although she was smart and energetic, she evidently failed somewhat in the matter of securing the happy co-operation of the parents, as well as in winning the love of *all* her pupils, which is always so desirable, as well as necessary to the highest degree of success.

Primary School.

Spring term—Miss EMMA C. COTTON, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 44; average, 36. Term, 8 weeks.

Summer term—Mrs. MARY C. PREBLE, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 68; average, 48. Term, 10 weeks.

Fall term—Whole number, 50; average 41. Term 10 weeks.

Winter term—Whole number, 47; average, 37. Term 11 weeks.

The spring term of this school was taught by Miss EMMA C. COTTON, with a fair degree of success. For the remainder of the year the school has been under the charge of Mrs. MARY C. PREBLE. Mrs. P. possesses the patience, skill and tact required in this school, in an eminent degree. These invaluable qualities enable her to win the love and affection of her pupils in a very noticeable degree, and hence to crown her efforts with success.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. I, as per report of 1876.....	\$474 32
Appropriated by the Town.....	1074 89
Received from the State.....	979 30

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Expended during the year.....	\$2528 51
	2447 34

Balance due Dist. Feb. 20th, 1877.....	<hr/>
	\$81 17

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount due Free High School Feb. 20th, 1876.....	\$206 50
Appropriated by the Town.....	500 00
Received from the State.....	250 00

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Expended during the year.....	\$956 50
	825 00

Balance due Feb. 20th, 1877.....	<hr/>
	\$131 50

DISTRICT NO. 2.—O. C. CURTIS, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss MERA P. ROGERS, teacher. Whole number, 13; average, 8. Term 8 weeks.

Winter term—Rev. G. H. BOWIE, teacher. Whole number, 18; average, 12. Term, 7 1-2 weeks.

The summer term commenced well and we had reason to expect a profitable school, but at our last visit, near the close of the term, we found only five pupils present. One of these, a beginner in arithmetic, had made very good progress, and we think if the pupils had continued their attendance till the end of the term the school would have come up to our expectations.

Mr. BOWIE commenced the winter term as if he felt the responsibility that rested upon him, and was determined to do all he could to make the school attractive and profitable. We were not disappointed at our last visit in finding he had succeeded in so doing, notwithstanding the shortness of the term.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. 2, as per report of 1876....	\$41 71
Appropriated by the town.....	71 64
Received from the State.....	44 62

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Expended during the year.....	\$157 97
	153 38

Balance due Dist. Feb. 20th, 1877.....	<hr/>
	\$4 59

DISTRICT NO 3.—GEORGE PAGE, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss CORA A. MAXWELL, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 19; average, 15. Term, 10 weeks.

Winter term—Mr. M. J. BARTLETT, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 20; average, 16. Term, 12 weeks.

Miss MAXWELL is a teacher of considerable experience, and evidently tried hard to instruct her pupils in the branches taught in her school, and to a good degree was successful. The classes in arithmetic made very commendable improvement. Classes in reading did not show that any special pains had been taken with them. The general appearance of the school, however, was very good.

Mr. BARTLETT taught this school last winter with a good degree of success, and we are pleased to be able to report that the examination near the close of this term was satisfactory, and creditable to teacher and pupils.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. 3, as per report of 1876.....	\$133 33
Appropriated by the town	109 02
Received from the State..	67 92
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	\$310 27
Expended during the year	285 73
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Balance due the District. Feb. 20, 1877 ..	\$24 54

DISTRICT NO. 4.—WM. ALEXANDER, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss SUSIE M. WHITMORE, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 16; average, 12. Term, 8 weeks.

Winter term—Mr. C. M. TIBBETTS, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 19; average, 16. Term, 12 weeks.

This was Miss WHITMORE's first school. She evidently tried to do her best, but failed to awaken that interest in her pupils that is necessary to make a school profitable. With more experience, we doubt not she will succeed better.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. TIBBETTS, same teacher as last winter, and with the same success. He has the faculty of interesting and instructing his pupils, and the examination of classes was very satisfactory; and we have no hesitation in saying the school has made very good proficiency.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. 4, as per report of 1876....	\$14 23
Appropriated by the town	102 79
Received from the State.....	64 02
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Expended during the year.....	\$181 04
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1877	\$123 42

DISTRICT NO. 5.—JOHN W. WOODWARD, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss ADDIE A. WHARF, teacher. Whole number, 13; average, 11. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter term—G. D. PARKS, teacher. Whole number, 23; average, 22. Term, 9 weeks.

This was Miss WHARF's first effort at teaching. While your committee were not without anxiety, yet her well known good scholarship and energy of character afforded good assurance of her ultimate success. The school was orderly and studious at each of our visits, and Miss W. was evidently determined to do her best. The final examination was well sustained by all, and we judged that Miss WHARF taught a very profitable school.

Mr. PARKS taught this school last winter very successfully, and has been equally fortunate the present term in securing like happy results. The school was visited three times. At each visit the pupils were orderly and studious, the teacher active and thorough. The final examinations were very satisfactory, and justify your Committee in pronouncing the school a good one in all respects.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. 5 as per report of 1876.....	\$73 25
Appropriated by the Town.....	90 33
Received from the State.....	56 26
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Expended during the year.....	\$219 84
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Balance due Dist. Feb. 20th, 1877	\$20 01

DISTRICT NO. 6.—S. HATHORN, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss EMMA E. COTTON, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number, 36; average, 24. Term, 11 weeks.

Winter term—Miss ACHSAH E. CURTIS, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number, 27; average, 23. Term, 10 weeks.

Miss COTTON had taught this school in a highly acceptable manner several times before this. It is sufficient to say of her success this term that it fully equaled her former efforts.

Miss CURTIS is a teacher of experience. At our first visit we found her industriously at work and striving to make a good start. We closed our visit, hoping that the school would be a success. To this end Miss C., by personal effort, endeavored to secure the co-operation of the parents. But unfortunately she was not wholly successful. Still, the final examination showed conclusively that a fair amount of successful work had been accomplished.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. 6, as per report of 1876.....	\$87 15
Appropriated by the town	109 02
Received from the State.....	67 92
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	\$264 09
Expended during the year... ..	194 01
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Balance due the district, Feb. 20, 1877.. ..	\$70 08

DISTRICT NO. 7.—D. M. ALEXANDER, *Agent*.

Summer term—Mrs. ANGIE O. BOOKER, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 27; average, 20. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall term—DANIEL W. ROBINSON, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 29; average, 27 1-2. Term, 8 weeks.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 27; average, 23 1-10. Term, 8 weeks.

Mrs. BOOKER is a teacher of great experience, having previously taught forty terms. She taught a very profitable school. The discipline of her school was of a high order. Seldom do your committee find so much stillness and regularity in a mixed school like this. It is enough to add that the final examination was well sustained by all the classes.

Mr. ROBINSON is well known in town as a teacher of ability and experience. At the several visits made during the respective terms, your committee always found the pupils industrious and orderly, and the teacher active and skillful. It will only be necessary to add that the final examination of each term was alike creditable to both teacher and pupils.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. 7, as per report of 1876. . .	\$107 24
Appropriated by the town.	109 02
Received from the State.	67 92
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	\$286 08
Expended during the year.	233 83
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Balance due the district, Feb. 20, 1877.	\$52 25

DISTRICT NO. 8, JOHN BROWN, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss ALICE C. COTTON, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 25; average, 17. Term, 8 weeks.

Winter term—FRANK BUKER, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 23; average 21. Term, 12 weeks.

We were much pleased with the appearance of this school at the close of the Summer term. The pupils showed that they had been well drilled in the several branches taught, and bore a very satisfactory examination. Mr. BUKER taught the winter term with very good success. Some of his pupils were well advanced in algebra and arithmetic, and their thoroughness in the branches was very creditable to teacher and pupils. In fact the examination in all the branches taught, was very good, except reading. This important part of an education should receive more attention than it apparently does in most of the schools. The average attendance was very good, and is evidence of the interest parents and pupils felt. We were pleased to see so many large scholars in the school, who did not think themselves too old to attend. It is a pity there are not more young men and women disposed to avail themselves of the privileges of attending school during the winter months.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. 8, as per report of 1876. . . .	\$62 75
Appropriated by the town.	80 99
Received from the State.	50 44
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	\$194 18
Expended during the year.	50 75
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1877.	\$143 43

DISTRICT NO. 9.—OTIS PLUMMER, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss ELLEN R. RANDALL, teacher. Whole number, 14; average, 14. Term, 7 weeks.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number, 14; average, 13. Term, 10 weeks.

Miss RANDALL is one of our live teachers who has the faculty of waking up her pupils and keeping them interested in their studies. The improvement, both terms, was very marked. It sends in the cleanest register of any school in town. And it is worthy of note that during the summer term not one of the pupils was absent a whole day. During the winter term of ten weeks, it will be seen that the average is within one of the whole number. This is evidence of an interest in the school which will be maintained to the close, and such schools are always profitable.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. 9, as per report of 1876.....	\$22 73
Appropriated by the Town.....	65 41
Received from the State.	43 92
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	\$132 06
Expended during the year.....	126 35
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Balance due Dist. Feb. 20th, 1877....	\$5 71

DISTRICT NO. 10.—BATES CURTIS, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss NELLIE E. WEBBER, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number, 16; average, 13. Term, 7 weeks.

Winter term—D. W. ROBINSON, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number, 25; average, 22 1-2. Term, 8 weeks.

The summer term was taught by Miss WEBBER with very fair success. It was her second attempt at teaching, and the first in town. The general appearance of the school at each visit was pleasing. The final examination showed that fair advance had been made in the respective studies.

Mr. ROBINSON taught the winter term with his usual vigor and success. At our last visit we were especially pleased with the class in oral grammar. Evidently a new interest has been awakened in the study of this important branch, on the part of a goodly number of the younger pupils. In short, a very commendable degree of advance had been made in all the branches taught.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. 10, as per report of 1876....	\$164 04
Appropriated by the Town.....	96 56
Received from the State ..	60 14
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	310 74
Expended during the year.....	310 74

DISTRICT NO. 11.—SAMUEL LEAVITT, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss LOUISA J. PARKS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number, 10; average, 7. Term 8 weeks.

Winter term—ELBRIDGE A. BECKLER, Livermore Centre, teacher. Whole number, 15; average, 13. Term 8 weeks.

The summer term was taught by Miss L. J. PARKS, this being her second attempt. Though small in number the average was fair, and the school has made commendable advance in the several studies. One young lady went nearly through Greenleaf's Practical Arithmetic; also to page 140 of Greenleaf's Algebra. This is not an unfair sample of the general work of the school. It has been a profitable term.

During the winter term the school was well taught in all its branches by Mr. E. A. BECKLER, this being his first service in town. He is a teacher of some experience, and a fine scholar. At our first visit the school was in good working condition, and promised well in all respects. On making our last visit, we were sorry to find that a few of the older pupils who were present when we made our first visit had not attended the school for any considerable time. All others, however, had been very punctual and studious. The classes in arithmetic, as usual, sustained a good examination. One of the more advanced pupils had done well in geometry; also had made a good start in Latin. It is but just to add that all the branches were carefully and critically taught, and thus due attention was given to all the pupils. Mr. B. was a pleasant and profitable teacher.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District 11, as per report of 1876...	\$3 26
Appropriated by the town.	90 33
Received from the State.	56 26
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	\$149 85
Expended during the year.	143 80
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Balance due District, Feb. 20, 1877.....	\$6 05

The committee have given you a concise, but, as they believe, a fair and impartial account of the respective schools of your town. As thus reported, not a school in town has been a failure during the year; but on the con-

trary, each one has enjoyed at least some degree of prosperity. In no instance have the committee believed that the best interest of any school would have been better subserved by the changing of its teacher during the term for which he or she was employed. With perhaps two or three exceptions, it is the honest and candid opinion of your committee that your schools have been as well taught, and have made as much proficiency, both in the aggregate and respectively, as during any of the years hitherto that your present committee have had them under their supervision. It has been the constant aim of your committee to improve your schools and make them as beneficial as possible, by suggesting to teachers such changes in their methods as seemed for the better, and encouraging both them and their pupils to put forth their constant and harmonious efforts to secure to themselves the happy results for which our public schools are designed. In short, we will only add, our agents have been successful in the past year in securing good, competent and live teachers in most of the districts. But while we consider our schools in a prosperous condition, if we would carry them up to perfection, *parents* must take hold of the work as well as teachers. A school cannot be successful unless pupils are punctual in attendance. And finding this to be the great obstacle in the way of progress in some of our schools, we most earnestly invite parents to heartily enter into the work, and co-operate with the teachers in making for their children good schools, and seeing to it that their children are in the school-room during the proper hours, instead of in the street.

S. W. JACK,	}	<i>S. S. Committee.</i>
A. LIBBY,		
D. S. RICHARDS,		

NOTICE TO AGENTS AND TEACHERS.

Agents are hereby requested to inform all applicants, whom they may employ to teach, that the Committee will be in session for their examination, etc., at the Academy, as follows: for the summer schools, the third and fourth Saturdays in April, at one o'clock P. M.; for the winter schools, the first and second Saturdays in November, at one o'clock P. M.

It is absolutely necessary that teachers apply for their certificates on the days above mentioned.

TEXT BOOKS USED IN THE SCHOOLS.

National Readers and Spellers; Greenleaf's Arithmetics, (new series) and Algebras; Quackenbos's Grammars, History and Rhetoric; Cornell's Geographies (new series); Peck's Ganot's Philosophy; Porter's Chemistry; Peterson's Family Science; Gray's Botany; Davies's series Higher Mathematics; Wells's Physical Geography; Welch's Object Lessons; Bryant & Stratton's Book Keeping. *Latin*—Harkness' Complete Course. *French*—Harkins's and Pujol & Van Normand's Advanced Course.

TO SCHOOL AGENTS.

GENTLEMEN:—Your School Committee would very respectfully call your attention to the following section of the Revised Statutes of this State:

Section 55, Chapter 11, reads as follows: If any Agent neglects to give written notice to the Superintending School Committee, when any school in his district is to commence, whether it is to be kept by a master or mistress, and how long it is expected to continue, he shall forfeit one dollar for each day the school is kept before such notice is given.